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SUBJECT : ARREST OF EX-GOVERNOR BIEBRICH ORDERED

1. ATTORNEY GENERAL OF STATE OF SONORA ON JANUARY 21 REQUESTED ISSUANCE OF WARRANT FOR ARREST OF EX-GOVERNOR CARLOS ARMANDO BIEBRICH TORRES. AG SUBMITTED FORTY PAGE INDICTMENT CHARGING, INTER ALIA, MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC MONIES, ABUSE OF AUTHORITY, FAILURE TO CARRY OUT LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND THEFT. MISAPPROPRIATION IS CLAIMED OF OVER 850 POUNDS OF SILVER BULLION FROM STATE TREASURY, VALUED AT OVER 733 THOUSAND PESOS; OF NEARLY ELEVEN MILLION PESOS OF FEDERAL FUNDS GRANTED FOR RELIEF OF DROUGHT-STRICKEN RANCHERS IN 1974; OF 938,500 PESOS OF STATE REVENUES BY MEANS OF ILLEGAL DRAFTS DRAWN AFTER BIEBRICH WAS RELIEVED AS GOVERNOR ON OCTOBER 25; OF QUOTE IRREGULAR UNQUOTE PAYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS COVERING NEARLY 22 MILLION PESOS. THEFT IS CHARGED OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS OF THE OFFICIAL GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE.

2. IF CONVICTED ON ALL CHARGES, BIEBRICH COULD BE SUBJECT TO UP TO 27 YEARS IMPRISONMENT. CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF BIEBRICH UNKNOWN, WITH PRESS SPECULATING THAT HE MAY BE IN UNITED STATES OR IN EUROPE. JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES QUOTED AS STATING THAT IF BIEBRICH IS ABROAD, LEGAL

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MEANS EXIST TO EXTRADITE HIM AND RETURN HIM FOR TRIAL.

REPLYING TO PRESS QUERY STATE AG STATED THAT EXTRADITION TREATY WITH US PROVIDES IN ARTICLE 9 A SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE FOR EXTRADITION IN CASE OF BORDER STATES, WHEREBY REQUEST CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY AT STATE TO STATE LEVEL, AVOIDING THE MORE COMPLEX NORMAL PROCEDURES AT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL.

3. COMMENTING ON WHAT HE CALLED A HUMILIATING EPISODE FOR SONORA, GOVERNOR CARRILLO MARCOR STRESSED THAT ORDER FOR EX-GOVERNOR'S ARREST WAS NOT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, BUT BASED ON FINDINGS OF STATE TREASURER WHICH WERE CONFIRMED BY EXAMINATION OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS. AG IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THIS IS FIRST OCCASION OF INDICTMENT OF A STATE GOVERNOR FOR ILLEGAL ENRICHMENT, AND THAT HERETOFORE ONLY MINOR OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED ON SUCH CHARGES.  
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